Delaware Clean Cities Newsletter: June 2017



Delawarean Yun-Fei Lou driving his Nissan Leaf earlier this month!

"Partners in Clean Transportation"

Welcome to the first addition of the Delaware Clean Cities newsletter! We'll be putting out a newsletter quarterly to keep you in the loop with important events, reminders, what stakeholders have been up to, and how you can get involved!

Each quarter, we'll feature a story by one of our stakeholders discussing one of their recent successes. If you have any stories or story ideas, please let us know! We want this newsletter to highlight our stakeholders' successes just as much as the Coalition's successes.

In these newsletters, you can expect to get updates on what the Coalition and our stakeholders are doing. Please share this newsletter with your mailing lists and any interested parties that you may know. We'll be posting this newsletter on our website and at events to promote our Coalition and get more Delawareans and Delaware based businesses involved!

We've also been trying to be more active on Facebook, but in order to be successful, we need help from you! If you see any interesting articles, success stories, or facts about the alternative fuel industry, please send it our way so we can post about it (and give you a shout out!)

We hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of the Delaware Clean Cities Newsletter!

-Morgan and Kathy, Delaware Clean Cities Coordinators



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 15

Alt. Fuel Price Report Due

JULY 25

Green Jobs Program

JULY 20 - 29

Delaware State Fair

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Send in stories for our Facebook page

- Send in stories to be highlighted in our Fall newsletter

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How Does Clean Cities Work With The DOE?

Each year, the Delaware Clean Cities Coalition receives a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. In order to receive this funding, there are a series of subtasks that we need to complete within the year.

Under the 2017 grant, we have elected to complete the following tasks:

Fueling station assessment and verification activities

For this subtask, the coordinator and co-coordinator are tasked with verifying alternative fueling stations throughout Delaware. Out of a list of 36 stations, 19 stations were verified this quarter. As part of this subtask, we also must take pictures of the alternative fueling station. This information will be posted on the U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuel Data Center to help guide alt. fuel drivers to the stations. Some of the pictures that were taken

during the site visits can be found to the right. We hope to complete the station verifications by the end of the summer.



DC Fast Charging Stations at Royal Farms in Dover

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Alliance AutoGas

Assisting with activities related to implementation of alternative fuel vehicles (primarily through Volkswagen settlement activities)

While the DNREC Division of Air Quality will most likely be the beneficiary for the Volkswagen settlement and will manage the majority of the funding, Morgan and Kathy will be working on the electric vehicle charging component. Over the course of 10 years, Delaware will receive approximately \$1.35 million

towards the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. Morgan and Kathy will be developing a request for proposals for this funding.

In addition, this fall, expect to see more Electric Vehicle Charging stations throughout the United States! Volkswagen is installing DC Fast Chargers on corridors designated as "Alternative Fuel Corridors" by the U.S. Department of Transportation. In addition, they have selected Philadelphia as one of 11 "target metropolitan areas." These stations will be a combination of Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers.

We anticipate having more information on funding by the release of the Fall newsletter!



Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal

Delaware Workplace Charging Campaign





The Division of Energy and Climate is offering rebates of up to \$5,000 to Delaware workplaces. Are you or businesses in your community looking for ways to "go green?" A simple but effective way to go green is by installing electric vehicle charging stations. Our new Workplace Charging Campaign can help by providing rebates and technical assistance to businesses, non-profits, and local governments in Delaware for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

There are many benefits of workplace charging stations, including:

- Demonstrates willingness to adopt advanced technologies
- Demonstrates environmental leadership
- Contributes to sustainability certifications, including LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification
- Doubles employees' all-electric daily commuting range by providing a place to charge during the work day.
- Promotes a culture of sustainability by encouraging employees to purchase an electric vehicle
- Opens opportunities for electric fleet vehicles, which have lower fueling and life cycle maintenance costs compared to traditional gasoline fleet vehicles

As part of this campaign, the Division of Energy and Climate is offering rebates of up to 75% of the cost of electric vehicle charging stations, with a maximum rebate of \$5,000. Each workplace is eligible for up to six rebates. Please see the enclosed program flyer and workplace charging brochure for more information, or visit our website at www.de.gov/cleantransportation.

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Clean Cities Questions of the Month



<u>April</u>

Question:

How can I compare the energy content of alternative fuels and gasoline or diesel? What implications does this have for overall fuel and vehicle comparisons?

Answer: https://cleancities.energy.gov/blog/measuring-fuels-understanding-and-using-gasoline-gallon-equivalents

<u>May</u>

Question:

How can I improve my gas mileage while driving this summer?

Answer: https://cleancities.energy.gov/blog/summer-road-trip-in-your-future-cut-fuel-costs-when-the-temperature-heats-up

June

Question:

What's new for Clean Cities mobile tools and resources?

Answer: https://cleancities.energy.gov/blog/new-mobile-apps

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